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For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, AND PROGRAM FOR IMPLEMENTING THE METHOD

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated February 27, 2008, for which a response was due on May 27, 2008, and for which a three-month extension of time is also requested to extend the time for response from May 27, 2008 to August 27, 2008, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.